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S. KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

BRIEFS

POLITICAL ISSUES--In a press conference held on 28 July in Cheju, the Democratic Justice Party [DJP] leader Yi Chae-hyong said: As for the issue of lifting the ban imposed on the old politicians, the president will do it, step by step, for those who show signs of repentance, as stipulated by the law. He said no more on this subject. On the issue of revising the elections laws raised by the opposition parties, DJP leader Yi, who was in Cheju to attend a seminar sponsored by the Korea management association, showed a negative reaction to it, saying: it is not a proper time yet to talk about it and it can become a subject of discussion only when its enforcement produces an inconvenience or the situation changes. Invited to a dinner hosted by Hyon Kyong-tae, chairman of the DJP chapter of Cheju District, DJP leader Yi and Yu Chi-song, president of the Democratic Korea Party, according to congressman Hyon, talked about bygone days of politics and other private matters from the beginning to the end of the dinner. [Text] [SK020514 Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean 29 Jul 82 p 11]

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S. KOREA/ECONOMY

REVOCATION OF AUTO MERGER CRITICIZED

SK020210 Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean 27 Jul 82 p 3

[From the column "Reporter's Eye"]

[Excerpts] "There should not be any more such unfortunate enterprises as the Kia Automobile Company and the Tong-a Motor Vehicle Company in this country." This was said by one executive of the Kia side, who chaired an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held at the life building on Yoido islet on 31 May, which was adjourned for lack of a quorum. This expression is familiar because the late President Pak Chong-hui said similar things at a ceremony for his discharge from active military service. However, the remarks by the Kia executive were very impressive, because his remarks seemed to epitomize the difficult situation surrounding some enterprises.

Since the beginning of the announcement of the auto company merger plan, chances for its success were thin. Even though they were in financial trouble, it was a little too much to expect that two giant business firms run by different managements could be simply merged at one stroke on the orders of authorities. There was, however, an unrepentably good intention in the merger plan.

The question is who will take the responsibility for the money and time, which dragged for nearly 1 1/2 years wasted on the futile efforts, whose success was not expected from the beginning. Who can possibly deny that the loss inflicted on the national economy by this futile effort will be offset by taxes levied from the people?

Ultimately, we have to relearn the lesson that "the end cannot justify the means." This time, however, the lesson was too costly.

What is more, since the result is quite different from what had been expected, the concerned officials of the Ministry of Commerce and other offices are surprising us by explaining the situation differently from what they had said at the beginning.

Whether they were willing or not, the two companies had agreed to merge. The Ministry of Commerce said that the merger plan had been pushed ahead on the basis of the two companies' agreement and for the benefit of the government's plan to nationalize the auto industry. That is what the people believed.

Now the Ministry of Commerce says that it is rescinding the merger plan because: the two concerned companies were not willing at the outset; and there appears to be no substantial benefit for the pursuit of the plan, because the two companies' interests are conflicting. Who is right? We are at a loss.

If the repeal of the merger plan were due as much to the so-called business morality that they swallow up what is sweet and spit out what tastes bitter as to the bureaucratic way of thinking that they can achieve any goal if they apply the arm-twisting method, either should naturally be denounced.

Belatedly, though, the government has realized that the merger plan is problematic and has revoked it. We accept this as a courageous act. The repeal of the merger plan is a good example of the extent of what the government-guided projects can achieve and what civilian-initiated projects can. It is tantamount to a lesson that has taught the government what it should intervene in and what it should not try to intervene in. Once again we must consider how important the consistency of policy is. The bureaucrats in the government offices should take enough time to review short-term policies before enacting them.

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S. KOREA/SOCIAL CONDITIONS

CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF PUSAN DEFENSE

SK040329 Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean 2 Aug 82 p 10

[Summary of the final statement for the defense of the Pusan arsonists by defense council Yi Ton-myong at the 2 August trial]

[Text] This case is called arson at the American cultural center in Pusan.

According to the prosecution's charges, charges brought against the defendants on arson constitutes less than 10 percent of the whole charges. The rest says that the defendants viewed today's wide gap between the rich and the poor and social unreasonablenesses as stemming from contradictions in the capitalist system, and that the defendants believe only way to break away from these contradictions is to turn to a socialist system.

According to what was stated by the defendants, they did not set fire to the American cultural center to establish leftist thoughts or to overthrow the government and establish a socialist system.

What they maintained was that today's wide gap between the rich and the poor as well as social unreasonablenesses stem from undemocratic political rulings. This being the case, they maintained, the way to correct such unreasonablenesses is to overthrow the present regime and establish a genuine democratic government.

The only issue at this trial is to define whether the defendants' thoughts and actions were for the establishment of a socialist system or for the establishment of democracy, and whether their motive in setting fire to the American cultural center was to warn the United States to cease supporting the present regime or to disrupt the diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States.

If the defendants' thoughts and actions were as they claimed, we view it is the key factor of this trial to define whether their thoughts and actions were right or not.

Most of the defendants standing trial charged with having conducted group studies of subversive teachings to students, are Catholics, and the rest are on special terms with the Catholics. It is well known--proven by history and all the people living in today's world--that Catholicism and communism are antagonistic

to each other. For this reason, these defendants cannot be procommunist. Nevertheless, the prosecution charges that their group studies for subversive teachings were for the establishment of communist society and it maintains the truth of its assertions.

The prosecution's charges that the defendants' motive for setting fire to the American cultural center and their group studies for subversive teachings was procommunist are based on the leaflets disseminated at the time of the arson which said that the present government was ready for a northward invasion and that the defendants were opposed to hosting the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

It is, however, unreasonable to charge them as procommunist simply because their slogans were the same as those of North Korea.

We want the court to judge whether the motivation of their acts, as argued by the defendants, including Mun Pu-sik, were right or not.

As for the case of four defendants from Wonju, including Father Choe Ki-sik--this is an example of persons who committed morally justified and respectful acts being brought to the court.

If conscientious and morally justified acts are punished, there is no room for conscience and morality in this country.

So, this case should be understood as being a phenomenon generated by the aspirations and sufferings of all the people living in this generation, as testified by Father Ham Se-ung. We earnestly plead with the court to make a good judgment on this point.

In concluding our defense statement we hold that--except for those six defendants who pleaded guilty of arson--all the defendants should be found not guilty of all charges. As for the defendants who pleaded guilty of arson, punishment for them, we hope, will be tempered with love in view of the fact that they were motivated by the sufferings and aspirations of all the people.

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S. KOREA/SOCIAL CONDITIONS

BRIEFS

ARREST REPORTED--The Seoul Tongdaemun police station on 30 July arrested Kim Ki-chol, 26-year-old secretary of the Korea Ecumenical Youth Council and resident at 137 Sangok-dong, Puk-ku, Inchon, on charges of defaming the country. Of over 300 printed items he had prepared to distort and criticize the closing down of the Seoul branch office of U.S. control data, the suspect on 23 July distributed 20 among domestic and foreign reporters, slandering government agencies. Sub-section B, Item 2, Article 104 of the criminal code--a provision on crimes defaming the country--stipulates that a maximum 7-year prison term and a 10-year suspension of rights may be sentenced concurrently against those natives who, by using foreigners or foreign organizations, have defamed and slandered the ROK or government agencies established in accordance with the constitution, who have distorted facts or spread falsehoods concerning them or who have undermined the security, interests and dignity of the ROK or are liable to do so. [Text] [SK302356 Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean 30 Jul 82 p 11]

HARBORING KWANGJU FUGITIVE--Kwangju/YONHAP--On 29 July, the criminal collegiate department of the Kwangju district court (presiding judge: Mun Chong-tu) passed an 8-month jail term, with a stay of execution for 2 years, on Yu Hui-pyo, 2-Ka, Pon-tong, Tobong-ku, Seoul, on charges of harboring Pak Kwan-hyon, 30, sought by police as a ringleader in the Kwangju incident in 1980. [Text] [SK310708 Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean 30 Jul 82 p 11]

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

ASSEMBLYMEN CRITICIZE JAPANESE ON TEXTBOOK ISSUE

SK020938 Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean 31 Jul 82 p 2

[From the column: "News Behind the News"]

[Text] Political circles have been making a turnaround in showing "active resistance" to Japanese distortion of historical facts. The political parties have actively moved in this regard. On 30 July, the Democratic Justice Party [DJP] volunteered to demand the early convocation of the culture-information committee of the national assembly. The Korea National Party [KNP] has formed an ad hoc committee for political development (chairman: Kim Yong-kwang) to discuss current issue. Hwang Myong-su, chairman of the independent lawmakers' fraternity group, has sent a letter of protest to Japanese Premier Suzuki.

DJP spokesman Kim Yong-tae said: Our party has already made it clear to devise measures on a gradual basis. According to our original policy, we have been coping with this issue in a systematic way.

He predicted: the culture-information committee will be a forum for gathering information about public indignation and logically discussing the contents of Japanese textbooks. In other words, the forum will see both heated excitement and cool-headed reason interwoven.

A KNP meeting went as far as to suggest boycott of the ROK-Japanese economic talks.

In his letter of protest, Hwang Myong-su, chairman of independent lawmakers' fraternity group, said: If the Japanese annexation of Korea was not "an aggression" but "an advance," were both Hideyoshi's invasion of Korea in 1592 and Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor advances such a logic is blasphemy of history.

DJP chairman Yi Chae-hyong, now on a tour in Cheju Island on official business, attacked Japan by saying at a party's youth members' meeting: 37 years ago, the Japanese fled barefoot. They have become one of world powers on the ruins of World War II. Now, again, they have begun exposing their inner thought of disdain towards Koreans.

DJP floor leader Yi Chong-chan originally planned to stop over in Japan before returning home on his way back home from a ROK-U.S. security seminar in the United States. But he is reportedly going to cancel this plan and immediately return to Seoul in consideration of current ROK-Japan relations.

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

JAPANESE ENVOY REMARKS--Speaking on the Korea-Japan economic aid talks, Japanese ambassador Toshikazu Maeda stressed that Japan has adopted the annual base budget system, raising as a new issue the negotiated total loan amount, which had been deemed fait accompli. Whether ambassador Maeda meant to say that the Japanese Government, while agreeing on the total amount of the aid, projects its annual base budget system only superficially or that the Japanese Government can only agree on the initial annual portion of the total amount of economic aid is not clear yet. If the Japanese Government projects the annual base budget system only superficially because of Japan's domestic legal system, the loan amount can be settled technically by diplomatic negotiation between the two countries. However, if Japan meant to say that it does not agree on the total amount and if, as hinted by Ambassador Maeda, the Japanese Government only vaguely puts the amount total, this same method will be repeatedly abused in the future as Japan's ploy. The government's attitude toward this will be keenly watched. [Yu Kyun] [Text] [SK012343 Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean 28 Jul 82 p 1]

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S. KOREA/INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY

COMMENTS ON JAPAN'S DEFENSE BUILDUP PLAN

SK311002 Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean 27 Jul 82 p 2

[Editorial: "Japan's New Defense Buildup Plan"]

[Excerpts] At its defense council meeting held on 23 July, the Japanese Government finalized a new 5-year defense plan (1983-1987), which had been worked out by the defense agency. This defense plan is considered very significant because it provides a basis for medium and long-term Japanese security and defense programs.

Under this plan, Japan will spend some \$64 billion on defense over a 5-year period starting in 1983. Of the total, some \$18 billion will be spent for the purchase of major military equipment alone.

This plan includes: 1) reorganization of divisions and an increase in tanks in an effort to strengthen the combat capabilities of the ground self-defense forces, 2) introduction of F-15 fighters from the United States, 3) reinforcement of the combat capabilities of the maritime defense forces by building more escort ships and submarines capable of carrying missiles, and 4) introduction of new air defense missiles for the ground and air self-defense forces.

The foundation for Japan's security has two major sources of support--the U.S.-Japan security pact and Japan's own self-defense power. Therefore, in order to substantially strengthen the U.S.-Japan security system and the ROK-U.S. security system--which is influenced by the former directly and indirectly, Japan should share the defense burden in proportion to its economic power. In this regard, Japan's new defense plan arouses our interest.

Particularly, in time of emergency on the Korean peninsula, Japan is expected to play the role of the rear area support base for the United States in helping to defend South Korea. Therefore, we expect that this new Japanese plan will effectively contribute to strengthening both the U.S.-Japan security system and the ROK-U.S. security system.

This year, the need for strengthening Japan's self-defense power is inevitably bound to grow, particularly in view of the Soviet military buildup in east Asia, including the strengthening of its Pacific fleet and the deployment of backfire fighter-bombers, and the movement of the U.S. 7th Fleet to the Middle East.

We are compelled, however, to be slightly concerned over the recent moves in the Japanese ruling party and the ultra-rightist forces in the party to rewrite the peace constitution and the emergence of a new conservative, ultranationalist ideology as seen in the recent distortion of historical facts in Japanese textbooks.

As a neighbor in the free world, we look at Japan's new defense plan affirmatively. Even so, we hope that this new defense plan does not help strengthen the influence of career military officers and thus adversely affect the post-war civilian ruling system of Japan. We also hope that it does not cause Japan to repeat the mistake of becoming a military power.

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N. KOREA/MEDIA AND THE ARTS

MEETING ON CHUCHE IDEA OF 'SONG OF GLORY' OPENS

SK300411 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0334 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--A symposium on the party's chuche-based idea of literature and arts reflected in the music and dance epic "The Song of Glory" was held at the February 8 House of Culture on July 26 and 27.

A portrait of the great leader of our party and our people Comrade Kim Il-song was placed on the platform.

The music and dance epic "The Song of Glory" which was created and performed in celebration of the 70th birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song is a monumental masterpiece of the era of the Workers Party consummating all the successes made in the chuche-based literature and arts that have greeted the heyday under the wise leadership of the glorious party centre.

The minister of culture and arts Yi Chang-son who made the report and the speakers explained the ideological and artistic successes of the work, saying that the music and dance epic "The Song of Glory" could be a flawless work in idea and art because it gave a comprehensive and profound presentation of the immortal revolutionary exploits of the great leader which would shine generation after generation through the all-round application of various means of literary and artistic depiction including music and dance, narrative poem and stage decor.

Noting that the enormous ideological and aesthetic significance of the work and its profound content lay in its deep-going artistic depiction of the position and role of the leader in the revolutionary movement of the working class, they stressed: herein lies the greatness of the monumental masterpiece.

They said that, with the creation of the music and dance epic of new style which is composed with the effective adoption of all successes achieved in movie, opera, drama, literature and fine arts, masterpieces forming its main part, the great revolutionary history of the respected leader could be well represented in such a short time on a high ideological and artistic plane.

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N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

MEETING IN TOKYO SENDS LETTER TO KIM

SK302237 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1505 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Tokyo, 28 Jul (KNS-KCNA)--A central meeting of Koreans in Japan held for celebrating the 29th anniversary of the victory in the fatherland liberation war, demanding the withdrawal of U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from South Korea and promoting the independent and peaceful reunification of the country sent a letter to the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song.

Pointing out that from June 25 to July 27 compatriots in all parts of Japan participated as one in the 6,300 kilometre long grand march for national reunification, the letter says:

Through the recent grand parade which will shine as one more fighting record in the history of the movement of Koreans in Japan, we greatly demonstrated internally and externally the surging stamina and indomitable will of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon) and compatriots in Japan marching forward to realise the cause of national reunification under the rays of the immortal chuche idea, thoroughly exposed and denounced the crimes of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique and actively supported and encouraged the struggle of the South Korean people against U.S. imperialism and fascism and for democracy.

All the successes achieved in our grand march are a precious fruition of the chuche-based policy of you the great leader for national reunification and proved its justness and great vitality.

We will positively contribute to terminating the U.S. imperialist aggressors occupation of South Korea and founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

To this end, we will continue thoroughly exposing and denouncing the nuclear war manoeuvres and "two Koreas" plot of the U.S. imperialists and the Chon Tu-hwan clique and bring to success at any cost the ongoing signature campaign for national reunification to strengthen the national unity of compatriots in Japan, support the righteous struggle of the South Korean people and achieve greater success in external activities.

The letter sincerely wishes the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

KOREANS' MEETING HELD IN TOKYO

SK301632 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1514 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Tokyo, 28 Jul (KNS-KCNA)--A central meeting of Koreans was held in Tokyo on July 27 for celebrating the 29th anniversary of the victory in the fatherland liberation war, demanding the withdrawal of U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from South Korea and promoting the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Put up on the platform of the meeting place was a portrait of the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song.

The meeting was attended by Chairman Han Tok-su and vice-chairmen of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon), Chongnyon functionaries and compatriots, over 19,000 in all.

A march group of Koreans in Japan which had covered a total of 6,300 kilometres from different parts of Japan from June 25, upholding the programmatic teachings of the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song in his historic policy speech arrived at the Hibiya Park, its destination.

In this period more than 88,300 compatriots of all circles participated in the march and upwards of 13,200 Japanese people marched together with them. And various meetings were participated in by more than 111,500 compatriots and Japanese people.

Members of the socialist parliamentary group, Japan-Korea friendship organisations, the Japan Women's Liaison Council for Solidarity With the Korean Women, the Japan-Korea Central Youth Solidarity Committee, the Tokyo Liaison Council of Japan-Korea Solidarity and various other organisations of Japan arrived at the meeting place together with the march group.

The meeting was addressed by Chairman Han Tok-su.

Noting that the grand march and signature campaign of Koreans in Japan for demanding the withdrawal of U.S. troops and nuclear weapons from South Korea and promoting the independent and peaceful reunification of the country were vigorously conducted from June 25, he said: today we proudly sum up the 33 day grand march with a more ardent desire for the reunification of the country and full of confidence in victory.

Calling for more extensively waging the struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces from South Korea and the promotion of national reunification, he stressed: No one and no force can bar the cause of national reunification of our people who are advancing under the wise guidance of the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song and the glorious party centre.

Read out at the meeting were messages of greetings and telegrams from the Central Committee of the Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland, the executive committee of the International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea and organisations of Japan and various countries of the world.

Speeches were made at the meeting by Ichio Asukata, chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japan Socialist Party; Hiroyoshi Sesaki, vice-chairman of the parliamentary measure committee of the Japan Communist Party; Yasuyuki Okimoto, Komei member of the House of Representatives; Tokuji Yoshioka, vice-chairman of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan; and Akira Iwai, general secretary of the Japan Committee for Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea.

A letter to the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song was adopted at the meeting.

On July 26 a Kinki District meeting of Koreans in Japan was held in Osaka with the attendance of Chongnyon functionaries and compatriots, over 18,000 all told.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

SOCIALIST COUNTRIES VOICE SUPPORT ON ANTI-U.S. MONTH

SK310835 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0820 GMT 31 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 31 Jul (KCNA)--Korean public organisations received solidarity messages and letters from their foreign counterparts fully supporting the Korean people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

Messages or letters came from:

Marin Cetinic, president of the Federal Conference of the Socialist Alliance of the Working People of Yugoslavia;

The peace committee of the German Democratic Republic, the Czechoslovak Peace Committee, the Bulgarian Committee for Solidarity With the Peoples of Asia and Africa, the Yugoslav League for Peace, Independence and Equality of Peoples; N. Chultem, chairman of the Mongolian Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee; the Central Council of the General Trade Union Confederation of Romania; Matias [name indistinct], secretary general of the Central Committee of the Workers Union of Burundi; the Sawing and Forestry Workers Union of Guyana; Augusto Nakamo, chairman of the National Council of the Production Committee of Mozambique; the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and the All-China Students Federation, the Union of Communist Youth of Yugoslavia, the Czechoslovak Union of Socialist Youth, the Central Committee of the Yemeni Socialist Union of Youth, the Council of Journalists of Romania, Demir Borachev, chairman of the Bulgaria-Korea Friendship Society; D. Damdin, chairman of the Mongolia-Korea Friendship Association; Hans Lorenz, general secretary of Trade Unions International of Public and Allied Employees, and Jean Pierre Bravd, acting mayor of Montreuil, France.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KIM IL-SONG REPLIES TO MESSAGES ON ANTI-U.S. MONTH

SK301038 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1020 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent messages to foreign party and state leaders in reply to their solidarity messages during the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

He sent reply messages to:

Ahmed Sekou Toure, president of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic; Didier Ratsiraka, president of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar; Samora Moises Machel, chairman of the Mozambique Liberation Front Party (FRELIMO) and president of the People's Republic of Mozambique; Moussa Traore, general secretary of the Malian People's Democratic Union and president of the Republic of Mali; Colonel Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, president of the Republic of Burundi; Muhammad Husni Mubarak, president of the Arab Republic of Egypt; Ahmadou Ahidjo, president of the United Republic of Cameroon; General Gnassingbe Eyadema, chairman-founder of the Togolese People's Rally and president of the Republic of Togo; Maurice Bishop, prime minister of the People's Revolutionary Government of Grenada; Dominic Mintoff, prime minister of the Republic of Malta; Robert G. Mugabe, prime minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Mohammed Abdelaziz, general secretary of the POLISARIO Front and chairman of the Council of the Revolutionary Command of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic.

Expressing thanks for the solidarity messages sent by the foreign party and state leaders in support of the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, on behalf of their parties and governments and of their own, on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song manifested in his reply messages the belief that the friendly and cooperative relations established between the peoples of Korea and those countries will grow stronger and develop in the future and wished them bigger success in their work.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KIM CHONG-IL RECEIVES MESSAGES

SK291751 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1457 GMT 29 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 29 Jul (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau, and secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea, received messages of solidarity from Mohammed Ibrahim Ali, commander of the People's Army of the Syrian Arab Republic; Basdeo Panday, chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Committee for Support of the Korea's Reunification; Luis de Azevedo, president of the Portuguese Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea; and Vishwanath, director of the International Institute of the Chuche Idea and secretary general of the Chuche Idea Study Society of India, during the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The messages extended sincere greetings and militant solidarity to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il on [words indistinct] of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

In his message Mohammed Ibrahim Ali, commander of the People's Army of the Syrian Arab Republic, said:

I believe that under the outstanding and energetic [word indistinct] of you the dear leader the Korean people will establish the glorious Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo by thoroughly implementing the new policy [words indistinct] advanced by the great leader.

In his message Basdeo Panday, chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Committee for Support of the Korea's Reunification, said:

During my visit to your country I saw for myself that the Korean people, holding the great leader His Excellency President Kim Il-song in high esteem, have created world-startling great examples in the revolution and construction under the wise guidance of respected Your Excellency.

Your country's examples constitute a great encouragement to the struggle of the world's progressive people for the independent development of the country.

Extending full support to the stand of the Workers Party of Korea for realising national reunification by founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo.

I take this opportunity to express militant solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for its realization.

Messages sincerely wished the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KWP RECEIVES MESSAGE ON ANTI-U.S. MONTH

SK301244 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1048 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea received solidarity messages from foreign parties on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The messages express firm and principled support to and solidarity with the Workers Party of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the efforts for national reunification.

The solidarity message from the Central Committee of the Yemen Socialist Party says:

The imperialist forces headed by the U.S. imperialists are supporting the brutal war started by the Zionists for crushing the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese national movement and are aggravating tensions in many parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

These are the very forces which continue backing the reactionary rulers of South Korea and obstruct Korea's reunification.

We always denounce the maintenance of the U.S. military presence in Korea and its continued interference in the internal affairs of the Korean people, regarding them as a threat to the security and peace in this region.

We once again express solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle for reunifying the country without imperialist interference and for their legal rights.

In a solidarity message Emil Boha, general secretary of the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi, says:

It gives me great pleasure to extend hearty congratulations to the courageous Korean people upon their constant victories in all fields of the country under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi once again expressed full support to the struggle and efforts of the Workers Party of Korea which is seeking a correct road of building a dignified, independent and prosperous Korea and reunifying the divided country, on the occasion of the month of international solidarity with the industrious Korean people.

Bohamar, Politbureau member and secretary general of the Left Party Communists of Sweden, states in his solidarity message:

It is one of the most urgent problems which brook no delay to accomplish the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea at present.

If Korea's reunification is to be achieved, it is imperative, first of all, to put an end to the military occupation and interference of the U.S. imperialists in South Korea and replace the armistice agreement with a peace agreement in Korea and put an end to the repressive acts and terrorism of the South Korean authorities.

We fully support the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo and the ten-point policy of the confederal state put forward by the sixth congress of the Workers Party of Korea for the achievement of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Solidarity messages also came from the Central Committee of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, the Executive Committee of the Left Socialist Party of Denmark and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Denmark.

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KIM CHONG-IL RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM CHUCHE INSTITUTE

SK301048 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1032 GMT 30 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received a message of solidarity from G. N. Srivastava, secretary general of the Asian Regional Institute of the Chuche Idea, on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The message dated June 17 says:

On the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, the Asian Regional Institute of the Chuche Idea expresses militant solidarity with and support to Your Excellency and the heroic Korean people.

The U.S. imperialist aggression forces occupation of South Korea is the greatest misfortune not only for the Korean people but also for the peace-loving, progressive people of the world who oppose them illegally occupying the land of Korea.

The struggle to liberate the South Korean people from the oppression by the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppet clique is gaining momentum with each passing day on a global scale and the day is not far off when South Korean society will be democratized.

The heroic Korean people united firmly, holding high the banner of the immortal chuche idea founded by His Excellency Great President are successfully carrying out the task to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea on the basis of the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo advanced by His Excellency Great President and to realise the modelling of the whole of society on the chuche idea under the energetic guidance of Your Excellency full of youthful vigor.

Today the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is firmly maintaining a principled stand in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism and expressing firm solidarity with the anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist struggle of the world's progressive people to enjoy their respect.

The Asian Regional Institute of the Chuche Idea avails itself of this opportunity to wholeheartedly wish Your Excellency good health and a long life for the historic victory of the chuche idea throughout the world.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KIM CHONG-IL RECEIVES SOLIDARITY MESSAGES

SK310431 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 31 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 31 Jul (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received messages of solidarity from different countries on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

Mustafa Jaber, director of the board of the International Institute of the Chuche Idea and chief of the Jordanese group for the study of the chuche philosophy, says in his message of solidarity:

Availing myself of this opportunity, I hold once again that the U.S. troops, the main obstacle to the reunification of Korea, should withdraw from South Korea, taking along all the lethal weapons and military equipment and the present South Korean rulers give up their scheme of war and aggression.

In the belief that the three principles of national reunification and the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo advanced by respected His Excellency President Kim Il-song are the most fair and aboveboard ones for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, I express once again my full support to the struggle of your friendly people for reunifying the country under the wise leadership of Your Excellency.

I manifest the belief that the cause of anti-imperialism and independence of the Korean people, the Arab people and the peace-loving people of the whole world will surely achieve final victory under the outstanding leadership of respected His Excellency President Kim Il-song, and the dear leader Your Excellency Kim Chong-il, the successor to his revolutionary cause.

B. C. Gupta, chairman of the chuche idea study society of Delhi, India, says: The independent and peaceful reunification of Korea is the unanimous desire of the entire Korean people and world peace-loving people.

The U.S. imperialists occupation of South Korea is the root cause of all misfortunes of the South Korean people.

We strongly demand that the U.S. imperialist aggression troops withdraw from South Korea at once and South Korean society be democratized. We actively

support the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo put forward by President Kim Il-song and firmly believe that the Korean people will certainly realise the reunification of the country under Your Excellency's wise leadership.

Robert Williams, chairman of the study centre of the chuche idea of Comrade Kim Il-song in Guyana, says: Though 29 years have passed since the conclusion of the armistice agreement in Korea, the U.S. imperialists are still occupying South Korea, harshly exploiting the people there and resorting to vicious machinations to unleash another war.

As long as the U.S. imperialists occupation of South Korea continues, the reunification of Korea cannot be achieved nor can peace be expected in Korea and Asia.

On the occasion of the month of international solidarity with the Korea people, we strongly hold that the U.S. imperialists should withdraw without delay from South Korea, taking along all their lethal weapons, and replace the armistice agreement with a peace agreement for creating an effective condition for reunification.

The solidarity messages wholeheartedly wish the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il good health and a long life.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

SOLIDARITY MEETINGS HELD IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SK311547 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1501 GMT 31 Jul 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 31 Jul (KCNA)--Meetings of solidarity with the Korean people were held in various countries during the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, according to reports.

A solidarity meeting took place at the Presnensku Machine Plant in Moscow on July 27 in connection of the close of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

Speaking at the meeting, V. V. Beletsky, vice-minister of marine shipping of the Soviet Union and vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society, said: The Soviet public strongly demands an end to the U.S. imperialists arbitrariness in South Korea and supports the struggle of the South Korean patriots against the anti-popular dictatorship of the Seoul authorities.

The entire Soviet people will continue to support the struggle of the Korean people for the realisation of national reunification, their ardent desire.

A resolution of solidarity adopted at the meeting expresses once again solidarity with the Korean people struggling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from South Korea and the peaceful reunification of the country in a democratic way.

Solidarity meetings also took place in Leningrad, Kiev, Khabarovsk and other cities of the Soviet Union on the occasion of this month.

A solidarity meeting was held in Calcutta under the sponsorship of the West Bengal, India Committee for Supporting Koreas Reunification.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was placed on the platform of the meeting hall.

A report by Geetesh Sharma, secretary general of the West Bengal, India Committee for Supporting Koreas Reunification, was followed by speeches.

Noting that the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo advanced by His Excellency Kim Il-song, the great leader, is a most reasonable and fair one for the solution of the question of Korean reunification, the reporter and speakers expressed full support to the Korean people's cause of national reunification.

They branded the United States as the most vicious international gendarme and strongly demanded the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea.

A similar meeting was held in Andra Pradesh State, India, under the sponsorship of the Andra Pradesh branch of the Indian Federation for World Cooperation and Cultural Relations.

The meeting adopted a letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

A solidarity meeting was jointly sponsored by the Swiss Committee on African, Middle East and Latin American students for supporting Korea's reunification and the organisations of African, Middle East and Latin American students studying in Geneva for the study of the chuche idea.

A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was placed on the platform.

Speeches were made at the meeting.

In his speech at the meeting, Gabino Herrera, chairman of the Swiss Committee of African, Middle East and Latin American Students for Supporting Korea's Reunification, stressed: The Korean people are fully ready to defeat any aggressors at a stroke by thoroughly implementing the military line of the Workers Party of Korea under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

He said that Korea must be reunified independently and peacefully in accordance with the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo put forward by the great leader.

A statement was adopted at the meeting.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF DPRK-UGANDAN RELATIONS MARKED

SK021037 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1029 GMT 2 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 2 Aug (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today dedicates an article to the 10th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and Uganda.

The author of the article notes that the opening of diplomatic relations between the two countries was a major milestone in tightening the Korea-Uganda bonds of friendship.

It says:

Over the last 10 years since then, the friendly and cooperative relations between Korea and Uganda have favorably developed in conformity with the will and common interests of the two peoples.

Notably, the visit of President A. Milton Obote to our country in December 1981 was a clear demonstration of the excellent friendly relations which are being daily strengthened and an epochal event in expanding and developing to a new, higher stage the friendship, solidarity and cooperation between the two peoples.

The Ugandan Government and people actively support the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo advanced by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and our peoples cause of national reunification.

The Ugandan people under the leadership of President A. Milton Obote have made many successes in their struggle for defending the independence and sovereignty of the country against subversive activities and sabotage of the enemies within and without and for building of a new life.

Our people rejoice as over their own over the successes made by the Ugandan people in the building of a new society and express firm solidarity with them in their just struggle.

Our people firmly believe that the friendly and cooperative relations between the two peoples established in the common struggle against imperialism and for independence will grow stronger and develop in the future on the basis of the idea of independence, friendship and peace.

N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

DPRK EMBASSIES OBSERVE WAR ANNIVERSARY

SK030841 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0813 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 3 Aug (KCNA)--Film receptions and photo exhibitions were arranged at DPRK embassies in socialist countries on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the great victory in the fatherland liberation war, according to reports.

A film reception, given on July 27 at the DPRK Embassy in Romania was attended by Ion Coman, member of the Executive Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party and secretary of the party Central Committee; Mihai Burca, vice-president of the National Council of the Front of Socialist Democracy and Unity; and other leading personnel.

Present at a film show arranged on July 26 at the DPRK Embassy in the Soviet Union were vice-chairmen of the Central Committee of the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society, a vice-chairman of the Soviet Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee and personages concerned.

A film show and a photo exhibition were held at the DPRK Embassy in Yugoslavia on July 26.

Present on the occasion were leading personnel of party and power organs and public organisations and men of the press as well as foreign diplomatic envoys to Yugoslavia.

A film reception given at the DPRK Embassy in the German Democratic Republic on July 22 was attended by a vice-minister of culture and personages concerned of the host country.

The DPRK Embassy in Mongolia arranged a film show on July 26.

At the film shows "The Fatherland Liberation War" and "We Indict U.S. Imperialism, the Aggressor" and other Korean films were screened.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KIM CHONG-IL RECEIVES SOLIDARITY MESSAGES

SK031517 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1500 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 3 Aug (KCNA)--The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il received solidarity messages from various countries on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The solidarity messages extend wholehearted and warmest militant greetings to the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il and firm solidarity with the Korean people on the occasion of the month of solidarity with the Korean people.

Modibo Kanne Cisse, chief of the group for the study of Kimilsongism of West Africa, states in his solidarity message:

We bitterly denounce the U.S. imperialist aggression troops for occupying South Korea and aggravating the tensions in Korea and imposing immeasurable sufferings and misfortunes upon the Korean people.

We will wage a powerful struggle for the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea and the democratization of the South Korean society.

William Doures, co-chairman of the U.S. Get Out of Korea Committee of U.S. youth against war and fascism, says in his solidarity message:

The 37 years of the U.S. occupation of South Korea have been years which have brought hunger and poverty to the South Korean workers and peasants.

But the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist struggle of the South Korean people has been developing at a faster speed following the historic Kwangju uprising.

In the meantime, the socialist northern half has enjoyed continued prosperity in politics, economy and culture.

We renew our resolution to continue to fight against the U.S. interference in the internal affairs of the Korean people.

Agnes Bend, chairman of the Guyanese National Committee for the Study of the Chuche Idea of Comrade Kim Il-song and chairman of the group for the study of the chuche idea of Comrade Kim-song of the Guyanese women, [words indistinct] solidarity message:

We demand that the U.S. imperialists and the Chon Tu-hwan puppet clique, their stooge, discontinue their aggressive manoeuvres and the former withdraw from South Korea at once, taking along all their destruction weapons.

We are convinced that the Korean people under the wise guidance of you dear leader will achieve greater successes in their struggle for forcing the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea and achieving national reunification.

A solidarity message from the members of the group for the study of the chuche idea in Iran says:

The U.S. imperialists have no right to stay on in South Korea.

They must immediately get out of South Korea, taking along all their destruction weapons, and Korea's reunification must be realized independently and peacefully by the Korean people themselves through the founding of the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo, the most justifiable proposal.

Believing that, under the wise leadership of Your Excellency, the country's reunification, the greatest desire of the Korean people, will certainly be realized, we wholeheartedly wish Your Excellency good health and a long life for the brilliant future of Korea.

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GUYANESE PRAISE KIM CHONG-IL, CHUCHE

SK031051 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1011 GMT 3 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 3 Aug (KCNA)--The Guyanese delegation for the study of the chuche idea headed by Thomas Sandiford, vice-chairman of the Guyanese National Committee for the Study of the Chuche Idea of Comrade Kim Il-song and director of the department of the youth sports of the Ministry of Education, Social Development and Culture of Guyana, on a visit to our country was interviewed by a reporter of the Korean Central News Agency.

Speaking first at the interview, the head of the delegation said that the tremendous successes achieved by the Korean people in the socialist construction arouse admiration among the peoples of developing countries who are building a new society and give an encouragement to them.

In particular, the Guyanese people are well aware of the brilliant revolutionary feats performed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and are deeply impressed by them, he said.

Noting that everywhere in Korea he saw miracles and innovations resulting from splendid embodiment of the great chuche idea, he said:

The tower of the chuche idea, the arch of triumph, the great people's study house, the ice rink and other grand monumental buildings have been constructed under the wise guidance of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

These creations of the era of chuche are striking the world people with admiration.

The dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il is, indeed, a genius of creation and construction.

Brief as our stay here was, we saw the great vitality of the chuche idea, the inexhaustible might and creative ingenuity of the masses of the people in the reality of Korea.

People of many countries of the world are visiting Korea one after another to study the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and learn from his brilliant revolutionary feats.

Today the great chuche idea has become the guideline of struggle and activity for the world's revolutionary people.

Now hundreds of millions of people in the world are building a new society, taking in the rays of chuche as nutrition.

The Korean people under the guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il who is carrying forward the revolutionary cause of the great leader are the happiest people in the world and the future of Korea is bright.

I wholeheartedly wish good health and a long life to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Members of the delegation also spoke at the interview.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

KIM CHONG-IL RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM BANGLADESH

SK041010 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1002 GMT 4 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 4 Aug (KCNA)--Comrade Kim Chong-il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and the dear leader of the Korean people, received a message of solidarity from Haider Akbar Hanrono, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Bangladesh Labour Party, on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle.

The message reads:

Respected Comrade,

On the occasion of the June 25-July 27 month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, I reassure you that the Bangladesh Labour Party will invariably and always support and encourage the Korean people in their just struggle to reunify the divided country.

We are well aware that you are wisely leading the struggle of the Korean people to realise at an early date the proposal for founding the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo and the ten-point policy of the unified state put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

Today the peaceloving people of the world firmly believe that the "two Koreas" plot of the U.S. imperialists and the Chon Tu-hwan puppet clique will certainly be smashed by the struggle of the heroic Korean people under your wise leadership.

We heartily wish you good health and a long life for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

Extending revolutionary greetings.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

MISSIONS OBSERVE STRUGGLE MONTH--Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--Functions were held at DPRK missions abroad recently on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, according to reports. Film shows and photo exhibitions were held at the DPRK embassies in Bangladesh and Portugal and the DPRK cultural hall in Egypt. A film reception was held at the DPRK Embassy in Zimbabwe and a book and photo exhibition and a news conference at our embassy in Austria. The functions were attended in Portugal by the director of the paper AVANTE, who is member of the Political Committee of the Communist Party, and members of the party Central Committee, members of the leadership of the Socialist Party, parliamentarians and mayors, in Austria by a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, the director of the international department of the party Central Committee and the director of the party publishing house, who are members of the Central Committee of the party, and other functionaries of party and government bodies and public organisations of the host countries, men of the press and personages of various circles. Korean films including "U.S. Imperialist Aggressors Indicted," "U.S. Imperialists Occupation of South Korea Is the Cause of National Split" and "The Land Beautiful All the Year Round" were screened at the film shows. [Text] [SK300054 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2203 GMT 29 Jul 82]

LAO ACTIVITIES ON STRUGGLE--Pyongyang, 31 Jul (KCNA)--Functions were organized in various countries during the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, according to reports. Book and photo exhibitions and film shows took place at the Kigali gendarmerie command and the army unit stationed in Kamembe, and in Ruhengeri Province of Rwanda, and Harare City of Zimbabwe; film shows in Ekatit of Ethiopia and at the Abenida Cinema House in Maputo Province of Mozambique; and a book and photo exhibition at the Shabaden Middle School in Ethiopia. Korean film weeks were held in Equatorial Guinea, at the Guinea-Bissau Naval Command, in Kazikebe Province of Togo, at the Lao Committee for Supporting Korea's Reunification and High 1 Kebele in Akaki City of Ethiopia. A lecture meeting, photo exhibition and film show were held in Bururi Province of Burundi; and a press conference and Korean film week at the Yemen Association for Friendship With Korea and Support of Korea's Reunification. The functions were attended by personnel of party and power bodies, public organizations and men of the press and peoples of various walks of life. Speakers at the functions denounced the U.S. imperialists occupation of South Korea and "two Koreas" plot and expressed full support to and firm solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle for national reunification. [Text] [SK311042 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1025 GMT 31 Jul 82]

YUGOSLAVIAN MESSAGE--Pyongyang, 2 Aug (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message from Comrade Petar Stambolic, president of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in reply to his message of greetings sent on the occasion of the latter's 70th birthday. The reply message dated July 29 reads: It was thoughtful of you to remember my birthday with your kind message of good wishes. I entirely share your conviction concerning the furtherance of the relations of friendship and cooperation between our two socialist and non-aligned countries. [Text] [SK020403 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0330 GMT 2 Aug 82]

FIJI FOREIGN MINISTER--Pyongyang, 2 Aug (KCNA)--Foreign Minister Ho Tam sent a message of greetings to M. Qionibarabi upon the latter's appointment as minister for foreign affairs of Fiji. Expressing the belief that the friendly relations between the two countries will continue to grow stronger and develop in the future, the message wishes the Fiji foreign minister great success in his work. [Text] [SK020837 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0804 GMT 2 Aug 82]

ANTI-U.S. MONTH--Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--A film show and a photo exhibition were held on July 21 by the "Zerdap" youth voluntary labor corps in Zerdap, Serbia, Yugoslavia, and a film show was held at the central soldiers hall in Sofia under the co-sponsorship of the General Political Bureau and the general staff of the Bulgarian People's Army on the occasion of the month of anti-U.S. joint struggle, according to reports. A portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and a portrait of Comrade Josip Broz Tito were placed on the platform of the function held in Yugoslavia. The film show in Bulgaria was preceded by speeches of colonel of the Bulgarian People's Army Zwakorov and the military attache of the Korean Embassy there. Zwakorov in his speech stated that the public circles and soldiers of Bulgaria extend firm solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for forcing the U.S. troops to withdraw from South Korea at once and reunifying the country peacefully without any foreign interference. Korean films were shown at the film shows. [Text] [SK301019 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1008 GMT 30 Jul 82]

SWISS RECEPTION--Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--Werner Sigg, Swiss ambassador to our country, hosted a reception on the evening of July 29 to mark the national day of the Confederation of Switzerland. Invited to the reception were Cho Kyu-il, vice-minister of foreign affairs, and personages concerned, diplomatic envoys of various countries and officials of different embassies in Pyongyang. Present there were the members of the delegation of the Swiss Progressive Organisations and the Swiss committee for supporting Korea's reunification headed by Stefan Klingenberg, member of the Central Committee of the Swiss Progressive Organisations, on a visit to our country. The reception took place in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK300405 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0331 GMT 30 Jul 82]

ZHIVKOV'S DAUGHTER HONORED--Pyongyang, 30 Jul (KCNA)--A round-table talk and a film show were held on July 29 at the People's Palace of Culture on the occasion of the 40th birth anniversary of Lyudmila Zhovkova, daughter of Comrade Todor Zhivkov, general secretary of the Central Committee of the

Bulgarian Communist Party and president of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, who was member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the BCP and chairman of the committee for culture. Present on the occasion were Yi Chang-son, minister of culture and arts, Kim U-chong, vice-chairman of the committee for cultural relations with foreign countries, and other personages concerned and artists in the city. Natcho Natchev, charge d'affaires ad interim, and an official of the Bulgarian Embassy in Pyongyang were invited there. The round-table talk was addressed by Minister Yi Chang-son and charge d'affaires ad interim Natcho Natchev.

[Text] [SK300416 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0339 GMT 30 Jul 82]

JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY--Pyongyang, 2 Aug (KCNA)--NODONG SINMUN today dedicates a signed article to the independence day of Jamaica. Recalling that the Jamaican people won the independence of the country in August 1962 through a protracted persistent struggle for it, the paper says: After the independence Jamaica has developed economy by exploiting her natural resources. The paper goes on: Understanding has deepened between the peoples of our country and Jamaica since diplomatic relations opened between the two countries in 1974. Our people will in the future, too, make efforts to develop friendly relations with the Jamaican people. Greeting the 20th anniversary of the independence of Jamaica, the Korean people wish the Jamaican people successes in their work for the prosperity and development of the country. [Text] [SK030040 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2227 GMT 2 Aug 82]

JAPANESE DELEGATION--Pyongyang, 4 Aug (KCNA)--A delegation of the Hyogo prefectoral headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party headed by Tetsu Sugita, chairman of the Committee for Promotion of the Japan-Korea Friendship Movement of the Hyogo prefectoral headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party, arrived in Pyongyang on August 3 by plane. The Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea arranged a party in the evening at the Ongnyu Restaurant in honour of the delegation. [Text] [SK040028 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2222 GMT 3 Aug 82]

NIGER OFFICIAL--Pyongyang, 2 Aug (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on August 1 sent a message of greetings to Seyni Kountche, president of the Supreme Military Council and head of state of the Republic of Niger, on the 22nd anniversary of the independence of Niger. The message reads: I, in the name of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people and in my own name, extend warm felicitations to Your Excellency and your government and people on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the independence of Niger. Believing that the friendly and cooperative relations existing between our two countries will grow stronger and develop day by day in the interests of the two peoples, I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly wish Your Excellency and your people greater success in their work for building a new society. [Text] [SK030042 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2229 GMT 2 Aug 82]

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N. KOREA/INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY

NEWSPAPERS SCORE ISRAELI ATTACK ON LEBANON

SK040445 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0420 GMT 4 Aug 82

[Text] Pyongyang, 4 Aug (KCNA)--Papers here today sternly denounce the Israeli Zionists brigandish aggression on Lebanon and atrocious murder there.

In a signed article headlined "Israel Must Stop Atrocious Murder," NODONG SINMUN says:

The barbarous attack on West Beirut once again strips bare for itself that the Israeli Zionists are a group of robbers who have adopted terrorism as their state policy and heinous aggressors who commit all crimes without hesitation, crudely violating the norms of the international community for their aggressive purpose.

The Korean people bitterly denounce Israel's brigandish aggression and demand that the aggressors promptly stop their barbarous bloodbath in Lebanon.

Israel's main object in their war of aggression in Lebanon is to destroy the Palestine Liberation Organisation, crush the Palestinian resistance movement and frame up a puppet regime in Lebanon.

Begin, boss of the Israeli Zionists, had openly threatened that West Beirut would be attacked with arms, if the Palestinian resistance forces refused to accept their brigandish demand. Israel's barbarous attack on West Beirut is aimed at forcing the Palestinian resistance forces to lay down their arms and leave Beirut and Lebanon.

Israel's attack on West Beirut and the bloodbath there are committed under the zealous patronages of the U.S. imperialists.

The U.S. imperialists created a favorable condition for Israel's attack on West Beirut by opposing recently the demand for the lift of the siege around the capital of Lebanon at the United Nations Security Council.

Acting the "arbitrator" in the Lebanese problem, the U.S. imperialists are persistently demanding the Palestinian resistance forces to surrender, thus speaking for Israel, and even kicking up a dust over the landing of the U.S. marines in West Beirut.

It is an invariable strategic target of the U.S. imperialists to suppress the Arab people's liberation struggle by force and defeat the Arab countries one by one and control the oil resources of the Middle East, entrenched in the region. The war of aggression in Lebanon is a military operation launched for this purpose in accordance with the U.S. imperialists script, with Israel as its executor.

The U.S. imperialists can never evade responsibility for the brigandish criminal acts of the Israeli aggressors in Brigandish mass destruction and massacre in Lebanon.

The question can never be solved by the barbarous scorched earth operation or mass destruction.

The U.S. imperialists must take their hands of aggression and intervention off Lebanon, Israel must lift the siege around Beirut and withdraw without delay from Lebanon and all the occupied Arab lands.

The Middle East problem cannot be settled, unless the lawful national rights of the Palestinian people are restored.

MINJU CHOSON in its commentary titled "Brigandish Aggression Must Be Stopped" says:

The U.S. imperialists and the Israeli Zionists can neither bar the peoples just cause nor realise their criminal design of aggression by any robber-like aggression and brutal slaughter.

The Korean people will as in the past, so in the future, too, actively support and encourage the just struggle of the Palestinian and Arab peoples.

The Israeli aggressors must discontinue at once their aggression on Lebanon and withdraw from it and all the occupied Arab lands without delay.

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